

**ISSUE/OPTIONS**  
**PROJECT: SB 20 Implementation**

<b>Issue Title:</b>	<b>Scope of Covered Electronic Devices</b>  <b>Brief Description:</b> SB 20 defines “covered electronic devices” for the purpose of identifying which video display devices are subject to the new law. The definition of covered electronic devices included cathode ray tube (CRT) containing devices as well as flat panel screens, and other similar video display devices that DTSC designates as hazardous. CRT containing devices are hazardous waste and fall within the scope of covered electronic devices; however, flat panels, laptops and flat panel (i.e., non-CRT) televisions have not been tested to determine whether they are hazardous wastes.
<b>Statute:</b>	<b>Section #:</b> PRC 42463  <b>Statutory Language:</b> For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:  (f) (1) "Covered electronic device" means a cathode ray tube, cathode ray tube device, flat panel screen, or any other similar video display device with a screen size that is greater than four inches in size measured diagonally and which the department determines, when discarded or disposed, would be a hazardous waste pursuant to Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 25100) of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code. (2) "Covered electronic device" does not include an automobile or a large piece of commercial or industrial equipment, including, but not limited to, commercial medical equipment, that contains a cathode ray tube, cathode ray tube device, flat panel screen, or other similar video display device that is contained within, and is not separate from, the larger piece of industrial or commercial equipment. (g) "Covered electronic waste" or "covered e-waste" means a covered electronic device that is discarded or disposed.
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<b>Option #1:</b>	<b>Description:</b> CRTs, CRT devices, laptops, flat panel monitors, and flat panel (i.e., non-CRT) televisions are covered electronic devices
	<b>Assumptions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CRTs and CRT devices are hazardous electronic wastes</li> <li>- DTSC will test electronic products to determine if laptops, flat panel monitors, and flat panel (i.e., non-CRT) televisions are hazardous wastes</li> <li>- DTSC will determine by March 1, 2004, if laptops, flat panel monitors and flat panel (i.e., non-CRT) televisions are hazardous wastes and are within scope of SB 20</li> </ul>
	<b>Pros:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Uniform fee collection by July 1, 2004</li> <li>- Less confusion since there is no phasing in covered electronic devices over time</li> </ul>
	<b>Cons:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Timing as the recycling program essentially begins on April 1, 2004 with manufacturer notification to retailers of which devices are subject to the advance recycling fee</li> <li>- Locals may not be geared up to handle additional covered electronic devices</li> </ul>